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To provide funding for the National Park System from outer Continental Shelf revenues.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. REID) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To provide funding for the National Park System from outer Continental Shelf revenues.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Park Preser-
5 vation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF OUTER CONTI-**
7 **NENTAL SHELF REVENUES TO THE NA-**
8 **TIONAL PARK SERVICE.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

1 (1) LEASED TRACT.—The term “leased tract”
2 means a tract leased under section 8 of the Outer
3 Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337) for
4 the purpose of drilling for, developing, and pro-
5 ducing oil and natural gas resources, consisting of a
6 block, a portion of a block, or a combination of
7 blocks or portions of blocks, as specified in the lease
8 and as depicted on an Outer Continental Shelf Offi-
9 cial Protraction Diagram.

10 (2) OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—The term
11 “outer Continental Shelf” has the meaning given
12 the term in section 2 of the Outer Continental Shelf
13 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331).

14 (3) OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF REVENUES.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “outer Conti-
16 nental Shelf revenues” means all amounts re-
17 ceived by the United States from leased tracts,
18 less—

19 (i) such amounts as are credited to
20 States under section 8(g) of the Outer
21 Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
22 1337(g)); and

23 (ii) such amounts as are needed for
24 adjustments or refunds of overpayments
25 for rents, royalties, or other purposes.

1 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “outer Conti-
2 nental Shelf revenues” includes royalties (in-
3 cluding payments for royalty taken in kind and
4 sold), net profit share payments, and related
5 late-payment interest from natural gas and oil
6 leases issued under the Outer Continental Shelf
7 Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) for a leased
8 tract.

9 (C) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “outer Conti-
10 nental Shelf revenues” does not include
11 amounts received by the United States under—

12 (i) any lease issued on or after the
13 date of enactment of this Act;

14 (ii) any lease under which no oil or
15 gas production occurred before January 1,
16 1999; or

17 (iii) any lease in an area for which
18 there is in effect a moratorium on leasing
19 or drilling on the outer Continental Shelf.

20 (b) SEPARATE ACCOUNT.—Of amount of outer Conti-
21 nental Shelf revenues received by the Secretary of the In-
22 terior during each fiscal year, \$500,000,000 shall be de-
23 posited in a separate account in the Treasury of the
24 United States and shall, without further Act of appropria-

tion, be available to the Secretary of the Interior in subsequent fiscal years until expended.

(c) THREATENED PARK RESOURCES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amounts made available under subsection (b) shall be available for expenditure in units of the National Park System that have ecosystems, critical habitat, cultural resources, or other core park resources that are threatened or impaired.

(2) IDENTIFIED THREATS.—The amounts made available under subsection (b)—

(A) shall be used only to address identified threats and impairments described in paragraph (1), including use for land acquisition, construction, grants to State, local, or municipal governments, or partnerships with other Federal agencies or nonprofit organizations; and

(B) shall not be directed to other operational or maintenance needs of units of the National Park System.

(3) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (b)—

(A) 30 percent shall be available for expenditure in units of the National Park System

1 with ecosystems, critical habitat, cultural re-
2 sources, or other core park resources threatened
3 or impaired by activities occurring inside the
4 unit; and

5 (B) 70 percent shall be available for ex-
6 penditure in units of the National Park System
7 with ecosystems, critical habitat, cultural re-
8 sources, or other core park resources threatened
9 or impaired by activities occurring outside the
10 unit (including \$150,000,000 for each of fiscal
11 years 2000 through 2015 for the Federal share
12 of the Everglades and South Florida ecosystem
13 restoration project under the comprehensive
14 plan developed under section 528 of the Water
15 Resources Development Act of 1996 (110 Stat.
16 3767)).

17 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 9 of the
18 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1338) is
19 amended by striking “All rentals” and inserting “Except
20 as provided in section 2 of the National Park Preservation
21 Act, all rentals”.

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